

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1 - 9 and add new Claims 10 - 18 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 9 (Canceled)

10. (New) A coffee machine for preparing coffee using coffee pads, which comprises a continuous heater provided with a water-guiding pipe that is thermally connected to at least one heating rod by means of at least one contact surface, and a pump for transporting water through the continuous heater, wherein the at least one contact surface between the pipe and the at least one heating rod is embodied such that it is flat.

11. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 10, wherein at least two heating rods are thermally connected to the pipe by means of the at least one contact surface.

12. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 11, wherein the at least two heating rods are provided on opposite sides of the pipe.

13. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 10, wherein the pipe and the at least one heating rod are held together by a sleeve.

14. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 13, wherein a temperature sensor is disposed adjacent the sleeve.

15. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 10, wherein the pipe has ends into which hose-like connecting pieces of a water supply and a water exit can be inserted.

16. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 15, wherein the connecting pieces are provided with seals.

17. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 15, wherein the connecting pieces are made of plastic and comprise securing means for securing the continuous heater on a housing of the coffee machine.

18. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 17, wherein holders for further components are provided on the securing means.